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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

## Page 5, lines 20 - 26 (paragraph [0021]):

According to another aspect of the invention, for the case where  $n=2^m$ , we envisage advantageously that the device comprises n-1 modules of three-pole type, distributed as [[m-1]]  $\underline{m}$  groups of rank 0 to m-1, such that to the group of rank i there corresponds  $2^l$  modules, each associated with  $n/2^l$  elements arranged as two assemblies so as to form a pair, the modules of the said group of rank  $l \neq 0$  being dimensioned so as to have a gain in current  $2^l$  times as large as the gain in current of the module of the group of rank 0.

## Page 5, lines 27-34 (paragraph [0022]):

According to another aspect of the invention, for the case where  $n=2^{m \cdot x}$ , characterized in that it comprises a number I of modules of three-pole type, with  $n-1-x < | \le n-1$  modules, distributed as [[m-1]] m groups of rank 0 to m-1, such that to the group of rank i there corresponds at most  $2^l$  modules, each associated with  $n/2^l$  elements arranged as two assemblies so as to form a pair, the modules of the said group of rank  $l \neq 0$  being dimensioned so as to have a gain in current  $2^l$  times as large as the gain in current of the module of the group of rank 0.

## Page 13. lines 1 - 8 (paragraph [0082]):

In the case where x>1, the equilibrating system can be simplified by eliminating from the system any module which would have all its terminals A, B, G linked to virtual elements. We have then I modules with n-1-x<|≤ n-1. In this case, the I modules are distributed as [[m-1]] m groups of rank 0 to m-1, such that to the group of rank i there corresponds at most 2<sup>i</sup> modules (M1₀, M1₁), each associated with n/2<sup>i</sup> elements arranged as two assemblies so as to form a pair, the modules of the said group of rank i≠0 being dimensioned so as to pass 2<sup>i</sup> times more current than the module M0.